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GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

I hope our newsletter finds you well.

Happy New Fiscal Year! Thanks to the Mayor's Office, the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and our great staff, we ended last fiscal year with a great Budget Day. I was sorry to have missed it as I was out of the country that day (many thanks to Acting GM Stephen Box who kept everything flowing while I was gone!), but am looking forward to working with our new Budget Advocates. The [Neighborhood Council Budget Day Survey](#) is available for you to provide input on what you think the City's budget priorities should be. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The Budget Advocates will be having their first meeting together for their retreat on July 18th. For more information, check out their website: <http://ncbala.com/>

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioner met on Tuesday night in Van Nuys to review our [report](#) to Council President Wesson's Council Files [15-0524](#) and [15-0389](#). If you haven't had a chance to weigh in on these issues yet, you still have time to submit a Community Impact Statement since City Council is on recess and won't review these issues until August. Please note that City Council Committees and assignments have changed for this fiscal year. Click here for the Committee assignments. The next Commission meeting will be on Monday, July 20th, at City Hall, and if you haven't submitted for the [EmpowerLA Awards](#) yet, please do so we can recognize your Neighborhood Council for the great work you do!

I was excited to hold our online voting kick off planning meeting for the Neighborhood Councils 2016 elections with City Clerk and [Everyone Counts](#) this week. Thirty-five Neighborhood Councils voted to pilot online voting for their elections, and I'm thankful to them for taking this historic step to be more inclusive to their stakeholders. We'll be finalizing the new Election Manual as well as taking feedback on other Neighborhood Council issues, such as the Funding Program and Grievance Panels, at a townhall on Saturday, July 25th from 12 pm to 4 pm. Invites will be going out next week with more details so save the date!

LADWP General Manager Marcie Edwards was out with her awesome DWP posse last night at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils to talk about the water and power rate requests from 2016-2020. She did a great presentation and told Neighborhood Councils that her team would be happy to make presentations at community meetings in the upcoming months. You can get all the facts of the rate requests on a new dedicated website: www.myladwp.com



Neighborhood Councils are still hard at work this summer. [PlanCheckNC](#) meets tomorrow at the Hollywood Constituent Center. With [CERT](#) season here, Neighborhood Councils are thinking safety - Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council is holding an [Emergency Preparedness Fair](#) tomorrow (more below) and [Westwood Neighborhood Council](#) has one on Sunday.

If I don't see you this weekend, have a super one!

Best,

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Mayor's Message

Year Two in Review

As the fiscal year comes to an end, I wanted to share what we have accomplished over the past year. When I took office just over two years ago, I said we would bring City Hall back to basics so that as a city, we could address and improve key services that ...



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Hire LA's Youth Campaign Provides Summer Jobs and Career Skills



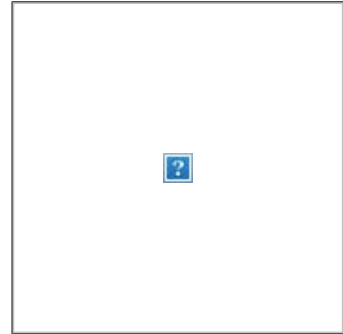
HIRE LA's Youth is one of the City's most exciting programs to put young adults to work, providing first time job experience that will set them on the path to be lifetime earners. Mayor Eric Garcetti is committed to providing 10,000 summer jobs for young people ages 14-24...

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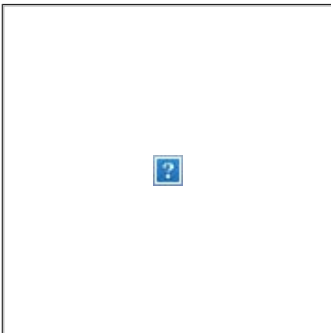
#techLA #ImmigrationHack Event Focuses Attention on Immigrants' Stories

This past month, the Civic Innovation Lab, in partnership with FWD.us and Welcome.us, celebrated Immigrant Heritage Month (IHM). Established in 2014, #IHM2015 is a nationwide effort to gather and share inspirational stories of immigration in America...

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Call for Artists: Sacred Memories Exhibit 2015



El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument and El Pueblo Park Association present an exhibition entitled "SACRED MEMORIES: Cross-Cultural Celebrations of Day of the Dead." The exhibit will be on view from October 23 to November 29, 2015 in the Pico House gallery.

Sacred Memories will explore the world's rituals that venerate the departed including Dia ...

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OurCycleLA Connects CD10 Residents with Internet Access, Technology, and Training

Today, 35% of Angelenos are without household internet service. A new program hopes to alleviate that number over the next 12 months by providing participants with low-cost



internet offers available only through this program and free access to the tools and resources they need...

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Foothills Trails District NC Emergency Preparedness Fair



The Foothill Trails District NC will be hosting its first Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, July 11, from 11 am to 3 pm at Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd in Lake View Terrace. Even though Los Angeles has a top-rate EMS system, disasters such as fires and earthquakes can quickly overload even the best system for days and even weeks.

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7-Eleven: All Youth Swim Free

7-Eleven has partnered with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to host "7-11 Day: All Youth Swim FREE" at pools throughout the City of Los Angeles. On Saturday, July 11, 2015, youth (0-17) can swim FREE at 47 pools across the city....

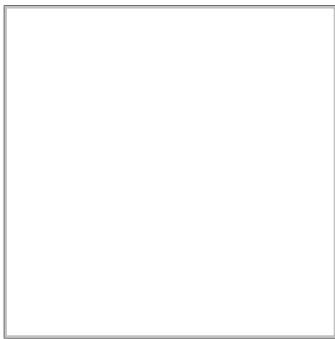
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CERT Classes

In Los Angeles, disaster preparedness is a primary focus for all city departments. Partnership with the community, volunteer groups, non-profits, stakeholders, and city leaders will make Los Angeles resilient to disasters and ready for recovery...

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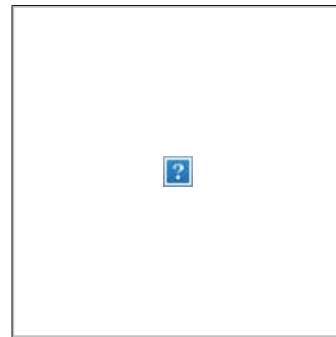
2015/2016 Budget Survey

Fellow Angelenos:

The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles is given the responsibility by the City Charter to develop a budget plan that must be presented for City Council consideration by April 20th of each year.

Now is the time for Neighborhood Councils to speak up on the priorities for their communities and the most significant opportunity to get feedback from your stakeholders is the Budget Survey which is [available here....](#)

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